

I am interested in being considered for one of the two at-large positions on the Conference Executive Committee of the Ninth Circuit. Pursuant to the April 24, 2007 memorandum from the Office of the Circuit Executive, I submit the following brief bio and summary of my relevant experience.

I have been a business trial lawyer since I began practicing law in 1983, following a clerkship in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. I practiced with Howard Rice Nemerovski Canady Robertson & Falk in San Francisco for 17 years -- approximately 11 of them as a partner in the firm -- and have been a partner at Howrey since 2000. I graduated from Boalt Hall School of Law in 1981. I am concluding my third year as a Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Conference.

I have held a number of leadership positions in local and national bar associations that involve the development and/or oversight of conference programs. For example,

* I have been a member of the ABA Section of Litigation Leadership since 1991. I have served a three-year term as Co-Chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee and a three-year term as Co-Chair of the Commercial & Business Litigation Committee. Both committees developed and presented programs at the annual meetings of the ABA and the Section. I also co-chaired, for the Section, the ABA Annual meeting in 1997 in San Francisco; a large portion of my responsibilities included providing guidance to the Section's co-chairs on program ideas; selecting from among literally dozens of proposed programs those that would be presented at the conference; and overseeing the successful presentation of the programs. Among other things, my co-chairs and I served as a resource for committee co-chairs, to assist them in identifying first-rate panelists and meeting the Section's diversity guidelines for program participants. I also have served in a number of other leadership positions in the Section, including as Council member, Division Co-Chair, and member of the Task Force on the Judiciary, the Task Force on ADR, and -- currently -- the Federal Practice Task Force. I have participated as a presenter in a number of programs for the ABA Section of Litigation and other organizations.

* I am currently serving as President of the Federal Bar Association, Orange County Chapter. One of the major responsibilities of that position is to plan and/or oversee the programs to be presented by the organization. My term ends in October 2007.

* I have served as Program Chair of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers, Orange County Chapter, with responsibility for selecting and planning all programs for the organization that year. I currently serve as Vice President of the organization and will be President in 2008.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if there is any further information that you need.

Regards,

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